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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: FRANK COLLETTI and CHARLES RAUTH

Application No. 10/674,597
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 28, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith

Application No. 10/190,945
being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring
attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer filed October 5, 2007, does not comply with the guidelines provided in MPEP § 1207.02 because it does not contain all of the required heading items. Specifically, the Examiner's Answer must contain the following heading items in the following order:

- (1) *Real party in interest.*
- (2) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (3) *Status of claims.*
- (4) *Status of amendments After Final.*
- (5) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (6) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (7) *Claims Appendix.*
- (8) *Evidence Relied Upon.*
- (9) *Grounds of Rejection.*
- (10) *Response to Argument.*
- (11) *Related Proceedings Appendix.*

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer indicates that the following sections are missing from the Examiner's Answer mailed October 5, 2007 and/or are not complete or clear in setting forth agreement or disagreement with the Appeal Brief:

(1) “Real party in interest”,

A substitute Examiner’s Answer that is in compliance with the guidelines is required. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application be returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner’s Answer mailed October 5, 2007;
- 2) to generate a new Examiner’s Answer in compliance with the guidelines; and
- 3) for such further action as may be required.

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